



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held March 1, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“Legislation was recently introduced in Sacramento pertaining to all First 5 Commissions in the State of California. Assembly Bill 109 (Chan) would require county commissions to cap administrative costs and require the State Controller to audit them every three years. Senate Bill 34 (Florez), would stipulate that three county officials on a First 5 Commission cannot constitute a majority; disallow a county supervisor from serving as Chair of any First 5 Commission; and create a ‘policy advisory board’ comprised of a supervisor and representatives from every city in a county in order to make funding recommendations to First 5 Commissions. Senate Bill 35 (Florez), mirrors Assembly Bill 109 almost entirely by requiring stronger auditing procedures for all First 5 Commissions.

“At its monthly meeting in February, the First 5 LA Commission voted to oppose Senate Bill 34 on the grounds that it would unnecessarily limit the County’s influence in First 5 LA affairs. Moreover, specifically in regards to First 5 LA, Senate Bill 34 could require that the Commission’s Governance Board be expanded to include as many as 88 members—an unwieldy and impractical structure. The First 5 LA Commission has voted to lobby in Sacramento against this legislation and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors should support them in this effort.

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“Assembly Bill 109 and Senate Bill 35 are very similar bills. Although the First 5 LA Commission did not find these two bills entirely to their liking, they voted to work with the bills’ authors to amend the language so that stronger fiscal oversight by the State could be obtained without affecting local control. Specifically, First 5 LA understands that the State would wish to enact stronger auditing measures and would wish to place reasonable caps on administrative costs; however, the legislation, as currently written, does not specify how administrative costs would be defined or whether administrative costs of agencies that contract with First 5 LA would be included when tabulating First LA’s overall administrative costs. The legislation also does not make explicit assurances that local control over programming would be maintained should this legislation pass. First 5 LA has decided to advocate in Sacramento for these amendments and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors should support them in this effort.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in opposition to Senate Bill 34 (Florez), legislation which would stipulate that three county officials on a First 5 Commission cannot constitute a majority, disallow a county supervisor from serving as Chair on any First 5 Commission, and create a “policy advisory board” comprised of a supervisor and representative from every city in a county in order to make funding recommendations to First 5 Commissions;
2. Went on record in support of the following legislation, if the language of the bills is amended so that stronger fiscal oversight by the State could be obtained without affecting local control:
  - Assembly Bill 109 (Chan), legislation which would require First 5 Commissions in the State to cap administrative costs and require the State Controller to audit them every three years; and
  - Senate Bill 35 (Florez), legislation which mirrors Assembly Bill 109 almost entirely by requiring stronger auditing procedures for all First 5 Commissions; and

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3. Authorized the First 5 LA Commission to speak on behalf of Los Angeles County, in collaboration with the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento, when lobbying on Assembly Bill 109 and Senate Bill 35 and against Senate Bill 34.

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